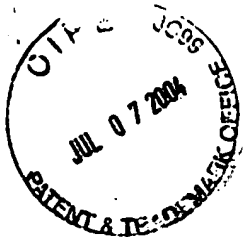




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RESPONSE (ELECTION)

Sir:

Introductory Comments

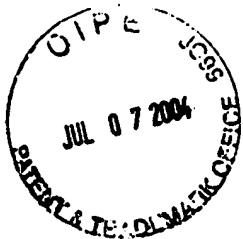
This is in response to the Office Action dated 6/8/2004.
Attached is the response to the requirement for
restriction/election contained in that Office Action.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully
requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that direct contact with
applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of
this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned
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AMENDMENT (ELECTION)

This is in response to the requirement for restriction or election.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicant through his attorney, hereby elects Specie II, represented by Figure 4. It is deemed that Claim 2 is generic and that Claims 4, 6 and 7 read on the elected Specie II.

This election is made with traverse. It is deemed that a complete search, examination and office action on the elected embodiment would require a complete search, examination and office action of the other species. As such, it is urged that no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner by withdrawing the requirement to elect and issuing an office action on all of the embodiments of the instant application.

Favorable reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are hereby requested.